

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## **BY ECF**

Honorable Peggy Kuo United States Magistrate Judge United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Re: SEC v. William Scott Lawler and Natalie Bannister

19-cv-4025 (RRM)(PK)

Dear Judge Kuo:

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") and Defendant William Lawler respectfully submit this letter to notify the Court that the Commission and Mr. Lawler have reached a proposed settlement in principle, subject to approval by the Commission, that would fully resolve the Commission's case against Mr. Lawler.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that all pending discovery deadlines in the case be stayed while the proposed settlement is submitted to the Commission for its consideration. The undersigned will promptly notify the Court when the Commission decides whether to accept the proposed settlement.

Respectfully submitted,

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